

ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES

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RICKY CASTILLO (-21)



Q. Ricky, what's it mean to you to put that round together kind of when you needed it most?

RICKY CASTILLO: You know, I haven't really had a lot of good final rounds this year, so it was really nice to have my best round of the year be on the final round of the final tournament. Pretty crazy. But yeah, really just happy to shoot a good score and give myself a chance to keep my card.

Q. What's going through your mind kind of off 18 green? Are you thinking about your card at all or are you still just processing the round?

RICKY CASTILLO: Honestly, I was trying to win the golf tournament. In my mindset, coming down 18 I wanted to give myself a chance to win the golf tournament. If I win this tournament, yeah, I keep my Tour card, but yeah regardless of what happens, I was just trying to give myself the best chance. That's what we come out here to do, we try to win tournaments. We're not trying to finish second, we're all trying to win.

Q. How did you spend last night? Did you have any conversations or pep talks with anyone?

RICKY CASTILLO: No. I mean, I talked to my fiancée a little bit. I was really calm this morning honestly, super calm, and I just had a really calm mindset. I just felt like I had a good idea of what I was going to do today and just come out and just play the best I could and ended up shooting 62.

Q. You mentioned six months ago you might have gone into a tailspin after missing that short par putt. Where does that growth come from? How were you able to kind of see that growth in the last six months?

RICKY CASTILLO: It's taken a lot of work. I've spent a lot of time just talking with my fiancée and my mental coach, Dr. Gio, from time to time. It can be difficult. It's really, really hard playing this game. There's so many difficult things that you have to think about while playing golf, outside of golf. You know, I'm just happy that I was able to shoot a good round today.

Q. You had pretty immediate success on the Korn Ferry your first season, and your second season you got your Tour card. So what was the learning curve like when you started playing Tour events?



RICKY CASTILLO: I mean, I feel like I learned a lot from playing with Scottie in May, just how his mindset is. I mean, that's why he's the best player in the world and he's constantly the best player in the world. I mean, I felt like I learned a lot just playing with him.

Just I feel like you just get used to it, just being out here. It's so difficult to beat yourself up and play well out here. It's just like no one's going to be able to do it consistently so you just have to be able to have a good mindset and be ready for anything.

Q. And then you played this course in college, right?

RICKY CASTILLO: Um-hmm.

Q. How did you feel coming into the week?

RICKY CASTILLO: Honestly, I felt really good, yeah. We won SECs here my senior year so I have a lot of good memories here. I was honestly super excited to play this tournament. I'm disappointed that it's the last event of the year, but I really, really do love this course and I enjoy it a lot. I've played well here before.

Q. Did you draw on any of those SEC memories this week?

RICKY CASTILLO: Yeah, definitely, definitely. I had a lot of good memories. Not all of them were me hitting putts, either. Some of them are my teammates hitting putts and stuff like that. So it's pretty cool.

Q. Rick, sorry if you've been asked this before, but after you bogeyed 12 and missed the short one and then hit the approach on 13, what were you thinking and how would Ricky have, gosh, two years ago, handled that the rest of the round?

RICKY CASTILLO: Yeah, I was talking about it earlier. I definitely would have just been way more flustered and upset and frustrated and thinking about, oh, I missed a two-and-a-half footer.

Honestly, I didn't even realize, I totally forgot about it until you guys mentioned it because I was so focused on the next shot and focused on what I could control. So I felt like me doing that, I've been so much better over the past six months. It's something that you do all the time. It's something that you always have to focus on, your mental and emotional game, because it can be difficult out here. So many different emotions you feel while playing golf and stuff, so it can be hard.

Q. What changed for you? Was it just finally it just, all the work that you had put in toward that?

RICKY CASTILLO: Yeah, it's a little bit of that and a little bit of perspective of just understanding what's really important to me. I have a fiancée that I care about more than



anything, a family that I care about more than anything and lots of good friends that I care about. In the end, that's what's really important. The golf stuff is great and you want to play good at golf and you want to win and stuff like that, but in the end it really doesn't matter. In the end, you want to just surround yourself with the people that you care about.

Q. And Derek's been on your bag for a little over a year now. This was his dream too before it was yours, to play on the PGA TOUR. I know he's a big part of your success, but do you find a part of yourself maybe playing a little bit for him?

RICKY CASTILLO: Yeah, definitely. I definitely want to play well when he's on the bag. We've had a couple good finishes, but we haven't really, really been in contention before to win a golf tournament, so it was nice to give myself somewhat of a chance today.

Q. What did the pressure feel like this week?

RICKY CASTILLO: Honestly, I really didn't feel much pressure. It was kind of like I really didn't have anything to lose. I came into the week at 135 or 136, so basically moving down wasn't going to do anything. Moving up was the only thing that was going to affect my year next year. I didn't really have any pressure because I really had nothing to lose, I was just kind of going out there and playing golf.

Q. Was there anything that you changed in your club setup or something working with your coach that you think helped you this week, having missed a bunch of cuts in a row?

RICKY CASTILLO: No. Honestly, I feel like everything's been really close for a long time. I missed eight cuts by one shot this year. It's just been one of those years where it's been really close. It could have been really good, but it hasn't really clicked. Finally clicked this week when I felt like I was on greens that I know and that I've played before and I've putted well on before. I think just having that comfortability here was nice.

Q. What would it mean to finish top-100?

RICKY CASTILLO: It would be really, really cool. That was the goal at the start of the year. If it ends up happening, great. If not, we'll work through it at Q-School.

